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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: SOCKET FOR ELECTRIC PART

Art Unit: 2833

Examiner: Edwin A. Leon

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

As part of this Request for Continued Examination, it is respectfully requested that an amendment be entered as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 3 and 4 as follows:

--3. A socket for an electric part, comprising a socket body, a plurality of contact pins disposed on said socket body and each capable of clamping corresponding one of terminals of an electric part placed on a rest face of said socket body between contact portions formed at tip ends of a pair of resilient pieces, and two slide plates mounted for horizontal sliding movement in different directions relative to said socket body by an upward and downward urging motion of an upper operating member, so that said slide plates are slid in the different directions by applying a pressing force for urging said upper operating member downwards to resiliently deform said resilient pieces in spacing directions, thereby opening-out the contact portions of said contact pin, and so that said slide plates are slid back to their original position by releasing the pressing force to said upper operating member, thereby decreasing the resilient deformation of said resilient pieces in approaching directions to displace the contact portions of said contact pin toward each other, thus clamping each of the terminals of the electric part